Middle Ages test preparation

Name: …… Class: …….

1. What can you tell about the language and **writing style** *Beowulf* was written in?

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2. a)Who is Wiglaf?
   b) What does he accuse the retainers of?
   c) And why is this a serious accusation?

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3. a) Who was Beda Venerabilis?
   b) And what is he known for?

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4. Explain, in your own words what a **chronicle** is and illustrate your answer with an example.

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5. Explain the Latin motto *Memento Mori* in your own words. Why is this motto so characteristic for the Middle Ages?
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6. Which characteristics of a **ballad** can be found in *Robin Hood*?

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7. a) Who wrote the *Canterbury Tales*?
   b) What can you tell about the **writing style**?

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8. Describe the **setting** of the Canterbury Tales. Where are the pilgrims going to and why?

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9. Who of the pilgrims is the **personification** of courtesy (= hoffelijkheid)?
   a. The Miller
   b. The Knight
   c. The Wife of Bath
   d. The Pardoner

10. In the Middle Ages, people believed that a person's appearance said a lot about their character. What does Chaucer expect us to conclude about the Miller's character?

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11. How does the wife of Bath get her own way?

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12. a) Which things does the Pardoner have with him?
    b) And what are they for?

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